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PORTAGE PARK DEPARTMENT 1989-1990 FALL/WINTER BROCHURE

"Serving People Through Parks and Programs"

PARK INFORMATION

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❖ REFUND PROCEDURES AND POLICIES, AS WELL AS PARK RULES, CAN BE ❖
OBTAINED THROUGH THE OFFICES AT: 2100 WILLOWCREEK, 762-1675. ❖

❖ OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm ❖

❖ OFFICE NUMBERS: 762-1675 or PROGRAM INFORMATION 762-PLAY ❖

❖ Complete details of program policies, procedures and guidelines are ❖
often omitted because of space limitations. Also, errors in days, ❖
registration deadlines and fees may occasionally occur. The office staff ❖
will advise you of corrections if they are required. We ask your ❖
understanding when these situations arise. ❖

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RENTALS

Woodland Park Banquet Hall
Meeting Rooms and Annex Building
Picnic Shelters

300 person capacity
50 person capacity
available on April 2

Fees for these facilities vary. Contact the Park Department for more information. Catering available through the Savoy Supper Club.

SEASON PASSES

Persons residing in Portage Township may purchase season passes good for weekends, for a fee of \$5.00 per vehicle. Out of Township passes cost \$10.00. The official Park season extends from April 1 through March 31. Passes are good for Imagination Glen and Countryside Parks.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Richard Turnak	President
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Mathew Dickey	Director of Environmental Services
Pamela Passera	Director of Recreation Services
Terri Barnard	Recreation Assistant
Susan Corey	Clerical Assistant

GENERAL PROGRAMS

POOH CORNER PLAY SCHOOL

This program is designed to teach your child how to follow instructions, interact with others, and learn numbers, colors, days and dates. Each session will be a little different than the first. **Parents with children in the previous session will have first priority to sign up in the following session. After the priority sign up date, which is listed below, the session will be open to anyone.**

AGES: 3-5 year olds (sessions are determined by the child's age 30 days prior to the class)
MAX: 12

3 YEAR OLDS

FEE: \$30 per session
TIME: 9:00-11:30am/Tuesdays and Thursdays
SESSIONS: I FULL
II October 31 - December 7 - **Priority date until October 6, 1989**
III January 4 - February 13 - **Priority date until Nov. 24, 1989**
IV February 27 - April 5 - **Priority date until Jan. 29, 1990**
V April 17 - May 24 - **Priority date until March 23, 1990**

4-5 YEAR OLDS

FEE: \$40 per session
TIME: 9:00 - 11:30am/Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
SESSIONS: I FULL
II October 30 - December 8 - **Priority date until October 6, 1989**
III January 3 - February 12 - **Priority date until Nov. 24, 1989**
IV February 26 - April 6 - **Priority date until Jan. 29, 1990**
V April 16 - May 25 - **Priority date until March 23, 1990**

BEGINNING DRAWING

This course will help you discover and develop your drawing talents. A basic introduction to form, value and composition using pencil as the medium to achieve a three dimensional affect. Classroom materials will be provided. **Preregister by September 29.**

FEE: \$20
TIME: 10:00-11:30am
MAX: 20
DATE: Tuesdays & Thursdays (October 3-November 9)
PLACE: Woodland Park Meeting Room
INSTRUCTOR: Mary Lou Hasara

REFUND POLICY

All refunds must be applied for in person, at the park office, before the start of the program or league. A claim must be signed by the customer, which is then brought to the Park Board, for approval, at their regular monthly meeting. This process of refunding payments is usual and customary for all City departments in the State of Indiana. You will receive your check, issued by the City of Portage, through the mail.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

Darkness, put together with a hayride make for an eerie Halloween event. All ages are invited to this evening of fun. (Supervised)

FEE: \$1 per ride
TIME: 6:30 - 9:30pm
DATE: October 26, 27 and 28
PLACE: Woodland Park

HAUNTED HAYRIDE SCENES

This is fund raising at its best. Your group or organization can raise money by creating and staffing a scary scene for the Haunted Hayride. Scenes must be submitted to the park department by October 16. By putting on a scene, you can raise \$75 for all three nights combined, plus be eligible for the \$200 first, \$150 second and \$100 third prize money.

GROUP HAYRIDES

Bring your hotdogs, marshmallows and hot chocolate and enjoy a cozy ride through the park on a hay wagon. Your group must consist of 20-50 people supervised by at least 2 adults. The hayride last from 30-45 minutes. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

FEE: \$2.00 per person, plus a \$25 refundable damage deposit
TIME: 6:30-8:30pm
DATE: October 1 - November 25

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Now you can "Half it All"! Join the world's largest discount club and receive hundreds of get-acquainted discount offers from well-known attractions in your area. For only \$30, you can save thousands on entertainment, restaurants, hotels, travel and sporting events. Sample books are available for your viewing at the park department.

SOCIAL DANCING LESSONS

Here is a great way to exercise and learn new dance steps at the same time. Learn such steps as the fox trot, waltz and tango. You must preregister for each session at Woodland Park.

AGES: 40 and up, men and women
MIN: 10 people
FEE: \$30 per session
TIME: 1:00-2:00pm
PLACE: Woodland Park
INSTR. Carol Shepard
SESSIONS: I September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, and 16
II October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, and 27
III January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, and 12

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

There is no need to travel far from home for Christmas gifts or home decorations, over 60 artists and crafters will have their wares on sale at the park's annual craft show. There will be hourly raffles and Santa Clause will be greeting kids in the main hall on Saturday from 11:00am-3:00pm. Some spaces still available for crafters. Contact the park for more information.

PLACE: Woodland Park
DATE: November 25-26
TIME: Nov. 25, 10:00-4:00pm
Nov. 26, 12:00-4:00pm

CHRISTMAS IN CHICAGO

Plan to join us on our trip to Water Tower Place or Marshall Fields. Bring a friend and leave the driving to us. **Preregistration required.**

PLACE: Bus will leave from Woodland Park
DATE: December, 9
FEE: \$8.00
TIME: 9:00am-6:00pm

DINNER WITH SANTA

Meet and have dinner with Santa Claus. He will have stocking stuffer for all the kids. Dinner will include your choice of two main dishes, vegetable, drink and dessert. **Preregistration required by December 12.**

PLACE: Woodland Park
DATE: December 14
FEE: \$1.50 per child and \$2.00 per adult
(50 cents extra for late registrations)
TIME: 4:30-7:00pm

PHONE CALLS FROM SANTA

Your 2-6 year olds will receive a phone call from Ole' Saint Nick if you register them by December 14. Forms are available at the park department and in various banks in the Portage area. Calls will be made on December 17 from 12:00-3:00pm. All calls must be local. This is a free program.

SPECIAL EVENT BUS TRIP

Ice Capades Sesame Street Live

The Department will be traveling to the Rosemont Horizon to the Ice Capades on March 31 and Sesame Street Live in April. This year's Ice Capades will feature Nintendo's Mario Brothers, and Barbie. Tickets cost \$14.50 per person. Preregistration required. *Exact times, days and prices for Sesame Street Live were not available at the time of printing. Please contact the department in October for more information.*

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ICE SKATING

Weather permitting, the ice rink will be open to the public at Woodland Park as follows:
FEE: \$1

OPEN SKATING

3:00-6:30pm Monday-Friday
12:00-6:30pm Saturday-Sunday

ICE HOCKEY

7:00-10:00pm Monday-Sunday

DOWN HILL TUBING HILL

At Countryside Park on Rt. 6, we have the city's largest tubing hill. Tubes and plastic saucers are available. **NO METAL SLEDS ALLOWED. Parking fee \$1 without a parking pass (see page 1).** Weather permitting, the hill will be open on the following days:

FEE: \$1.00 per person
SESSION I: Fridays from 4:00-8:00pm
SESSION II: Saturdays from 10:00-8:00pm
SESSION III: Sundays from 12:00-6:00pm

Groups or organizations can reserve the hill upon request. Contact the park for more information.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS & RENTALS

When there is sufficient snow cover, groomed trails & rental equipment will be available at Imagination Glen Park (rentals on weekends at the concession building). With approximately 6" of snow; trails will be packed & open. With approximately 8" of snow; trails will be packed, groomed, & rental skies (weekends) will be available. For more information, call 762-1675.
PLEASE NOTE: SNOWMOBILES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN ANY PORTAGE PARK!

COSPONSORED ORGANIZATION

NORTHWEST INDIANA STEELHEADERS

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Woodland Park, 7:00pm. Special events: October 2nd, the surf & stream tournament and February 24th & 25th, the outdoor show at the Porter County Expo Center. President: Mike Ryan (926-7938).

PORTAGE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm at Woodland Park. The museum is located at Countryside Park, Rt. #6, Portage and is open from 10:00am-1:00pm every Saturday. Special events: Christmas at Countryside on December 9th from 11:00am-5:00pm. President: Jaclyn Macedo

WOODLAND PARK PROMENADERS

The club meets the first and third Sunday of every month, 7:00pm at Woodland Park. Lessons are held on Wednesdays beginning on September 13 at 7:00pm. For more information contact Donna Ewen (762-4567).

ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

These practices are open to the ladies playing in the fall/winter league. All participants must be at least 18 years of age.

FEE: \$1.00 per night
TIME: 7:00-10:00PM
DATE: Tuesdays, September 26-November 7
PLACE: Portage H.S. West

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The league is open to women 18 years of age and older and out of high school. There are openings for 24 teams on a first come first serve basis.

FEE: \$200 per team
TIME: 7:00-10:00pm
DATE: Matches are played on Tuesdays, beginning on Nov. 14
PLACE: Portage H.S. West

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

This is an open tournament with 8 divisions. Rosters must be submitted to the park department by February 12. Coffee, donuts and lunch is included in the registration fee.

FEE: \$10.00 per person/10 person roster max.
DATE: Saturday, February 24
PLACE: Portage H.S. East and West

OPEN GYM COED VOLLEYBALL

The gym will be open to both men and women. Participants must provide their own volleyball and be at least 18 years of age.

FEE: \$1.00 per night
TIME: 7:00-10:00pm
DATE: Thursdays, September 28-December 21
PLACE: Portage H.S. West

COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The league is open to 18 year olds and up, and out of high school. If numbers permit, we will have an A, B and C division. **Registration deadline is December 27.**

FEE: \$125
DATE: Matches are played on Thursdays, beginning January 4
PLACE: Portage H.S. West

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Come in out of the cold weather and have some fun exercising. There will be two sessions, one for adults and one for youth. All participants must be Portage Township residents and present some form of identification to the staff supervisor.

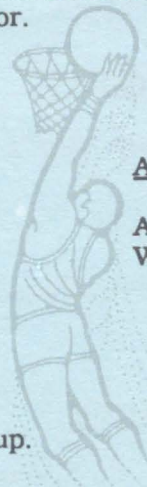
FEE: \$1.00 per night
PLACE: Portage H.S. West

YOUTH/ADULT SESSION

AGES: 12 and up only
Sunday, January 7 - March 25
5:00pm-9:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm

ADULT SESSION

AGES: 18 and up only
Wednesday, Jan. 3-March 21



OPEN GYM SOCCER

The program is open to persons 15 years old and up.

FEE: \$1.00 per night
TIME: 7:00pm-10:00pm (men 7:00-8:30 & women 8:30-10:00)
DATE: Mondays from January 8 - March 19 at Portage H.S. West

MEN'S 25 AND OVER SOCCER LEAGUE

This league is open to teams interested in playing 7 vs 7 soccer. The registration deadline for fees and rosters is March 23.

FEE: \$25 per player
DATE: Games start in April
PLACE: Imagination Glen Park

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION

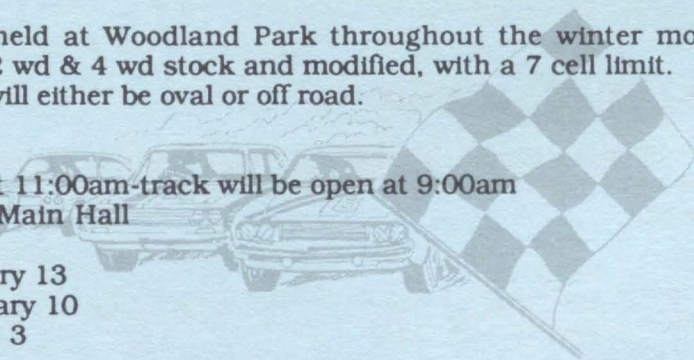
The department is offering a National Youth Sports Coaches Certification (NYSCA), to all volunteer youth coaches. The program is designed to enlighten coaches, parents, league administrators and game officials of the important role that they play as leaders, and to understand the consequences that result from poorly organized programs. The basic philosophy of NYSCA, is that all children deserve a wholesome experience in youth sports. Call 762-1675 for certification information.

REMOTE CONTROL CAR RACES

Indoor carpet racing will be held at Woodland Park throughout the winter months. The categories will be direct drive, 2 wd & 4 wd stock and modified, with a 7 cell limit. 1/10th and 1/12th scale cars. The course will either be oval or off road.

FEE: \$5.00 per class
TIME: All races begin at 11:00am-track will be open at 9:00am
PLACE: Woodland Park Main Hall

Race I Saturday, January 13
Race II Saturday, February 10
Race III Saturday, March 3



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The Division of Environmental Services hopes you will take the time to attend some of these programs. **Please Note:** Even though some programs are free, registration before the "Sign Up Deadline" is required. This allows us to wisely use your tax money. Some programs require special supplies which must be ordered well in advance. Additionally; if our registration is below the minimum, we can cancel or postpone the program to more effectively use the wages we would have paid the presenter. We enjoy providing these programs for **you**, so please sign up early for any programs that intrigue you!

TREE WALKS:

Remember tree walks continue into Oct. If you're working on a leaf collection or are interested in tree identification, check your summer park brochure or call 762-1675 for more information.

INTERIOR PLANTSCAPING: Oct. 12th; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Oct. 6th; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This program will discuss landscaping for the interior of your home, using house plants! Studies have shown that people live happy, more productive lives when they have plants around them. We'll teach you what plants to choose for which location in your home, as well as how to design for specific effects. We'll also discuss care, feeding, & also species choices for both "green thumbers" & "brown thumbers" alike. This program will be given by Guest Speaker Ron Craven of the Second Summer Greenhouse.

BATMAN'S BUDDIES: Oct. 24th; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Oct. 16th; 15 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

Batman may have really scared the Joker, but you don't need to be afraid. Just like you shouldn't be afraid of Batman's little flying friends. Bats are mammals just like you & I, but they are the only mammal who actually flies. They can do this even in complete darkness because they use sonar (just like a submarine, only better). While they are out there flying around they are eating insects that are harmful to us & our crops, pollinating flowers, & performing aerial acrobatics. This program will be given by Guest Speaker Chuck Roth of the Chesterton Feed & Garden Center & will include slides, handouts & other batty surprises.

INDIANA'S BALD EAGLES: Nov. 7th; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Nov. 3rd; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This exciting slide show will narrate the efforts of Indiana's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as they struggle to reintroduce our national bird into Indiana. Come see how eagles are raised from hatchlings to achieve the goal of 5 nesting pairs by the year 2000. Find out which of the released eagles has been seen in our area. Hear how some eagles have been brutally killed, & what you can do about it. A question & answer session will follow.

THE INDIANS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA: Nov. 20th; 7:00-8:00 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Nov. 17th; 10 person minimum - 45 maximum. Woodland Annex Building.

Come explore the mysteries of our area's Indian Lore. In our journey back in time we shall discover the lifestyles of our local tribes. Come learn about their myths & folk tales. See how they adapted to the unique topographical area we now call home. We'll even show you some Indian crafts with which they made their everyday tools. And you can try your hand at some of these crafts. No unsupervised children please.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS: Dec. 1st; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: \$1; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Nov. 27th; 10 person minimum - 25 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This fun filled program is for the whole family. We'll discuss ways you can make Christmas a little brighter for our feathered friends. The program will cover various methods of providing food to the birds, from the very easy to the very complex. After a short slide show, you'll get to make your very own simple feeder. Participants may need to bring a few simple household items such as milk jugs or liter bottles...more information will be available when you register. No unsupervised children please.

FALCON FLIGHT; 200 mph STRAIGHT DOWN: Jan. 24th; 2:00 - 3:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Jan. 12th; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This will be an exciting look at the world of the Peregrine Falcon! In the past this bird bred all over the eastern half of the America. Since the banning of the pesticide DDT scientists have been releasing falcons into our cities. The tall buildings simulate their natural cliff-side nest sites. This program will be given by the Director of Chicago's Falcon Release Program & will include a videotape presentation as well as slides of the nest site & young closest to us (**HINT:** It's closer than you think).

SILENT WINGS: Jan. 31st; 6:00 - 8:00 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Jan. 26th; 10 person minimum - 25 maximum. Starts at Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This program starts with a short slide show on the DNR's efforts to help the barn owl find suitable nest sites. Afterwards we'll drive to Imagination Glen (transportation on your own) where we hope to call some owls (This is the time for owls to mate & nest). Dress warmly & no unsupervised children, please.

ANIMALS ON THE EDGE: Feb. 21st; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: Feb. 16th; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

Extinction is a threat all animals face to one degree or another. Some animals are more on the edge than others. This program will be a short, interesting slide show, followed by a question & answer session. Come learn which of Indiana's animal species are on the edge, & find out what you can do to help.

LET IT ROT: March 13th; 7:00 -8:30 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: March 9th; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

Households in America discard thousands of tons of organic matter each year. This material fills our landfill space. Space that **should** be better used. This program will show you it's easy to start & operate a home compost pile. We'll also show you the beneficial uses to which you can put your compost. We guarantee that it will be easier, more pleasant, & less fuss than you thought. This program will be given by Chuck Roth of the Chesterton Feed & Garden Center.

PERCH FISHING SEMINAR: March 21st; 7:00 -8:00 pm. FEE: Free; SIGN UP DEADLINE: March 16th; 10 person minimum - 50 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This program will teach you the basics of perch fishing, whether you are fishing from a breakwater or a boat. The course includes an enjoyable slide show followed by comments from the instructor, Captain Les Karaffa of Dunes Holiday Charters. Come learn how to catch one of Lake Michigan's most underrated fish. No special gear needed. Fun for the whole family!

HOME LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP I: April 4, 11, 18, 25 & May 2th; 6 - 8 pm. FEE: \$25 each; SIGN UP DEADLINE: March 16th; 5 person minimum - 20 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

In this workshop you'll create your own home landscape. This minicourse will take you, step by step, through the design process. We'll help you take an area & design a stunning landscape to perfectly meet you needs & wants. Taught by a graduate landscape architect, this workshop will include information on design, plant species & selection, installation, & maintenance. We'll also give you handouts & basic drafting materials. If there's enough interest, a field trip may be arranged near the course's end.

ADVANCED LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP II: May 1st, 8th, 15th; 6 - 8 pm. FEE: \$10/person; SIGN UP DEADLINE: April 27th; 5 person minimum - 10 maximum. Woodland Park Meeting Room.

This program was created because graduates of the Home Landscaping Workshop wanted to continue their landscaping studies with some more advanced concepts. The course is designed to be a more detailed look at various topics; like disease & insect problems, lawn maintenance, & site amenities. You must have attended Workshop I to take this course; the information is designed to dovetail together.



WANTED



Do you have any hidden talents that are dying to escape? Would you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? The Portage Park & Recreation Department is interested in people willing to instuct others. If you have an interesting idea for a program and would like to enrich other peoples lives, contact the department at 762-1675. We're waiting to hear from you!

❖ **COUPON** ❖

This coupon entitles the bearer to \$1.00 off the regular registration fee for any Social Dancing session. Coupon must be presented at time of registration, and may not be used in combination with any other coupon or discount offer. This coupon is good through January 8, 1990.

❖ **COUPON** ❖

This coupon entitles the bearer to 1 free hot chocolate at the Countryside Park tubing hill. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase and may not be used in combination with any other coupon or discount offer. This coupon is good for weekends only through February 25th, 1990.

